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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS AGAIN ATTACKS U.S. MICRONESIAN  
POLICY

REF: MOSCOW 3142

SUMMARY: SOVIET PRESS CONTINUES TO ATTACK U.S. POLICY  
TOWARD MICRONESIA, INCLUDING UPCOMING REFERENDUM. WE  
BELIEVE MOSCOW SEES REFERENDUM AS GOOD PROPAGANDA  
OPPORTUNITY WHICH IT WILL EXPLOIT FOR ALL IT IS WORTH.  
END SUMMARY.

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1. MARCH 1 IZVESTIYA CARRIES LONG, SIGNED ARTICLE  
ENTITLED "DECOLONIZATION, AMERICAN STYLE", SHARPLY  
CRITICAL OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD MICRONESIA. ARTICLE:

-- CHARGES THAT MICRONESIAN CONGRESS DRIVE FOR INDE-  
PENDENCE MOVED U.S. TO ATTEMPT FIRST TO SEPARATE THE

MARIANAS FROM THE REST OF MICRONESIA, BECAUSE OF ITS STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE. THIS MOVE WAS ALLEGEDLY FOLLOWED BY U.S. EFFORTS "TO OBTAIN CONTROL" OVER THE MARSHALL AND CAROLINE ISLANDS. ARTICLE QUOTES A U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICER AS ENVISIONING THAT "THE MARIANA ISLANDS WERE OUR MOST RECENT ADDITION TO U.S. TERRITORY, BUT PROBABLY NOT THE LAST ONE;"

-- HOLDS THAT THE PENTAGON MILITARY OBJECTIVES LAY BEHIND "WASHINGTON'S EXPANSIONIST MANEUVERS", INCLUDING "ACQUISITION OF NEW BASES, LAUNCHING PADS AND AREAS FOR TESTING NEW WEAPONS." ARTICLE CITES THE NEW YORK TIMES TO SUPPORT CONTENTION THAT THE MARIANAS WILL BECOME "A NEW ADVANCED STRONGHOLD IN THE PACIFIC IN ADDITION TO GUAM ISLAND. BOMBERS AND MISSILE-ARMED SHIPS ABLE TO HIT THE ASIAN MAINLAND, AS WELL AS THE MARINES WHICH IN CASE OF NEED COULD BE SENT TO THE ASIAN SHORES OF THE PACIFIC, COULD BE LOCATED HERE. IT IS PRECISELY FOR THESE AGGRESSIVE AND HEGEMONISTIC PLANS AND NOT FOR THE DEFENSE NEEDS OF ITS COUNTRY THAT THE PENTAGON NEEDS THE MARIANAS AS WELL AS THE OTHER MICRONESIAN ISLANDS, WHICH ARE SEVEN THOUSAND KILOMETERS FROM THE U.S.";

-- ALLEGES THAT THE U.S. IS USING THE "OLD IMPERIALIST PRINCIPLE" OF "DIVIDE AND RULE" TO ANNEX LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE MARSHALL AND CAROLINE ISLANDS THROUGH GRANTING THEM A "FREE ASSOCIATION" STATUS. THIS WILL, IN FACT, ESTABLISH A U.S. PROTECTORATE OVER THESE ISLANDS AND "TURN THEM INTO A COLONY."

2. ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY DECLARING THESE "U.S. UNILATERAL ACTIONS. . . ILLEGAL AND CONTRARY TO MAJOR INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS." ARTICLE CONTENTS THAT, "IN SPITE OF THE MANEUVERS OF U.S. DIPLOMACY, THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL CANNOT BE PUSHED ASIDE FROM SOLVING THE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TRUST TERRITORY. THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA SHOULD BE GIVEN REAL AND NOT A FICTITIOUS RIGHT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION. THIS IS DEMANDED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW AND JUSTICE."

3. COMMENT: AS STATED REFTTEL, SOVIETS APPARENTLY VIEW UPCOMING JULY 12 REFERENDUM AS EXCELLENT PROPAGANDA OPPORTUNITY TO USE AGAINST US AND WILL PLAY IT FOR ALL IT IS WORTH. SOVIETS ESPECIALLY WILL PICK UP ANYTHING CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA REPRESENTATIVES SAY AGAINST THE REFERENDUM AND PORTRAY IT AS AUTHENTIC VOICE OF MICRO-

NESIAN PEOPLE. A TRANSLATED VERSION OF RECENT NOVOYE  
VREMYA ARTICLE DENOUNCING U.S. POLICY IN MICRONESIA IS  
BEING POUCHED TO EUR/SOV AND USUN. TOON

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